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SYNOPSIS

Permits certain State employees to participate in donated leave program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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| 1 | AN ACT to make certain State employees eligible to receive donated |
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| 2 | vacation leave under certain conditions and supplementing Title |
| 3 | 11A of the New Jersey Statutes. |
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| 5 | BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State |
| 6 | of New Jersey: |
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| 8 | 1. a. A State employee shall be eligible to receive donated |
| 9 | vacation leave for family or household care if the employee is the |
| 10 | spouse or the domestic partner of a member of the reserve |
| 11 | component of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National |
| 12 | Guard who is in a federal active duty status as ordered by the |
| 13 | President of the United States or the United States Secretary of |
| 14 | Defense. For the purposes of this section, "domestic partner" |
| 15 | means a domestic partner as defined in section 3 of P.L.2003, c.246 |
| 16 | (C.26:8A-3). |
| 17 | b. Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c. |
| 18 | 410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the Merit System Board of the |
| 19 | Department of Personnel shall adopt regulations for the |
| 20 | implementation and enforcement of this act in a manner or |
| 21 | substantially similar to that of any other donated leave program in |
| 22 | effect. |
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| 24 | 2. This act shall take effect immediately. |
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| 27 | STATEMENT |
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| 29 | This bill permits a State employee to receive donated vacation |
| 30 | leave if the employee is the spouse or domestic partner of a member |
| 31 | of the reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States |
| 32 | or the National Guard who has been called to federal active duty |
| 33 | status by the President or Secretary of Defense. |
| 34 | Since September 11, 2001, almost 6,000 New Jersey Army and |
| 35 | Air National Guard members and additional soldiers and airmen of |
| 36 | the United States Reserves have been deployed primarily for |
| 37 | Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. |
| 38 | Many other soldiers and airmen have been assigned around the |
| 39 | world in numerous locations as part of the Global War on Terror. |
| 40 | The number and longevity of these deployments has placed a great |
| 41 | strain on the families of these soldiers and airmen left behind on the |
| 42 | homefront. |
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| | This legislation will permit State employees to donate vacation leave to the spouse or domestic partner of a National Guard or |

reserve member for the recipient to use as necessary to care for their

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family.